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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4 at line 27 and extending onto page 5, line 5 with the following amended paragraph.

Novel exendin agonist compounds are described in PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US98/16387 filed August 6, 1998, entitled "Novel Exendin Agonist Compounds," which claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/055,404, filed August 8, 1997. Other novel exendin agonists are described in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/554,533 filed November 13, 1998, entitled "Novel Exendin Agonist Compounds," which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/065,442 filed November 14, 1997.

Please add the following new paragraph after claim 73.

ABSTRACT

Novel exendin agonist compounds are provided. These compounds are useful in treating diabetes and conditions which would be benefited by lowering plasma glucose or delaying and/or slowing gastric emptying.